



**STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
POLICY DIRECTIVE**

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| Policy No.: DOC 2.3.2                  | Subject: <b>OFFENDER HOUSING/CONSTRUCTION</b> |
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| Section 3: Housing                     | Revision Date: 04/20/11                       |
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## **I. POLICY**

The Montana Department of Corrections will ensure that minimum space, furnishings, and other related requirements for offender housing areas will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal codes and statutes and nationally accepted correctional standards.

## **II. APPLICABILITY**

All Department divisions, facilities, and programs housing offenders.

## **III. DEFINITIONS**

None.

## **IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES**

- A. All correctional facility housing areas shall be built, equipped, and maintained in compliance with applicable local, state and federal codes and statutes as well as the intent and operational philosophy of the facility.
- B. New construction and renovation of offender housing units and cells will, to the extent possible, comply with all applicable correctional standards established by the American Correctional Association.
- C. Any new construction estimated to cost over \$150,000 must be submitted to the Department of Administration, Architecture and Engineering Division Long Range Building Process.

## **V. CLOSING**

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Facility Administrator.

## **IV. REFERENCES**

- A. [53-1-203](#), MCA; ; [18-2-101](#) through [18-2-105](#), MCA
- B. DOC [1.1.3](#), *Organization and Responsibility*